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1. SUMMARY: SINCE OUR LAST REPORTING, THERE HAS BEEN SOME MOVEMENT ON THE SELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING AND ON THE DESIGNATION OF A SECRETARIAT COORDINATOR. IT NOW APPEARS THAT USG ALONG WITH OTHERS WILL NEED TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS ON TACTICS, PROCEDURE, AND THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAM IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. MIN-COUN KITCHEN HAS HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR DRISS WITH AMBASSADOR DADZIE WHO ARRIVED IN NEW YORK ON NOVEMBER 8. DRISS IS LESS ADAMENT THAN HE WAS EARLIER BUT STILL CONTENDS THAT CHAIRMANSHIP OF AD HOC COMMITTEE SHOULD GO TO A NEW YORK-BASED AFRICAN. DADZIE, WHO IS HERE IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE BOARD, HAS ASSURED BOTH DRISS AND NUMEROUS OTHERS THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT NEW YORK FOR THE ENTIRE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE. THIS POSITION HAS ALSO BEEN DISSEMINATED BY GHANA PERMANENT REP BOATEN.

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3. THE AFRICAN GROUP COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS IS MEETING

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WITH AMBASSADOR DRISS TODAY IN AN EFFORT TO SETTLE THE CHAIRMANSHIP ISSUE. IF THEY SHOULD SUCCEED IN OBTAINING HIS AGREEMENT ON DADZIE'S SELECTION, THE DECISION WOULD BE CONVEYED AT THE MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 77 ON NOVEMBER 12 AND HIS CANDIDACY PUT TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 13.

4. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS NAMED CORDOVEZ AS THE SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVE UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE G77. FOR THE MOMENT CORDOVEZ IS MAKING NO COMMITMENTS ON ADDITIONAL STAFF. HE CONTENDS, AS DO SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, THAT THE COMMITTEE OR ITS BUREAU SHOULD BE FREE TO DRAW UPON ANY PERSONNEL WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM OR OUTSIDE OF THE SYSTEM.

5. THE G77 HAVE FLOATED THE IDEA OF AN EXPANDED BUREAU (COMPOSED OF 18, 21, 27 OR 35 MEMBERS) WHICH WOULD UNDERTAKE THE WORK PROGRAM OUTLINED IN USUN 4766.
MANY MEMBERS OF THE WEO GROUP OPPOSE A WORKING BUREAU ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEIR INTERESTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD NOT BE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED. THUS, USDEL TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL EVENTUALLY REQUIRE A POSITION ON AN EXPANDED BUREAU TO UNDERTAKE A FIRST DRAFT REPORT OR AN OPEN ENDED COMMITTEE MEETING IN CONTINUOUS SESSION. THE LATTER OPTION WOULD PROBABLY GIVE THE BRUNT OF PREPARING A DRAFT REPORT TO THE SECRETARIAT, A TACTIC WHICH WE WOULD QUESTION. SUCH A DECISION WOULD ALSO RESULT IN A SPORADIC PERFORMANCE BY MANY DELEGATIONS CAUGHT UP IN THE WHIRLWIND CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES FOR 1976.

6. THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN THE RAPPORTEUR POST IN THE BUREAU AND THE AUSTRIANS HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN A VICE PRESIDENCY. IF WE AND OTHERS INCLINE TOWARDS THE SMALL CONVENTIONAL BUREAU, USDEL WOULD BE CONFINED TO ITS ROLE AS MEMBER OF AD HOC COMMITTEE. IF WE INCLINE TOWARD ANY VERSION OF THE EXPANDED BUREAU, US WOULD ALSO MOST CERTAINLY BE ACCORDED A SPOT THEREON.

7. WHILE SOME DELEGATIONS MAY MAKE GENERAL REMARKS
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BEARING ON SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF RESTRUCTURING, THE FOCUS THIS WEEK AND NEXT WILL BE LARGELY--PERHAPS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY--ON ORGANIZATION AND WORK PROGRAM.
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